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Serial No.: NOT ASSIGNED)	Group Art Unit: 1731
(Continuation of 09/397,018))	
Filed: Herewith)	Examiner: Colaianni, M.
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For: IMPROVED METHOD OF TREATING)	Atty. Dkt. No.: 04859.00006
TOBACCO TO REDUCE NITROSAMINE)	
CONTENT, AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED)	
THEREBY)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, INCLUDING DISCUSSION
OF REFERENCES IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The patents and documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (six sheets) are deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present application. Copies of the documents are available to the Examiner in Application Serial No. 09/397,018 and/or 08/998,043, the benefit of which is claimed by the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and are not being submitted at this time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to support the accompanying Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The patents and documents were found in pre-examination searches and/or were cited in related applications.

The subject matter of the subject application relates to a process of substantially preventing the formation of at least one nitrosamine in tobacco during the curing.

RELEVANCE OF THE REFERENCES

The following references are relevant for their respective disclosures discussed below: